

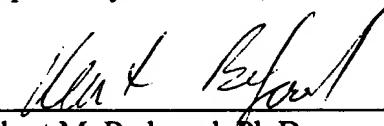
This species reads on claims 1 to 52.

### CONCLUSION

If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the Action, Applicant's representative can be reached at (858) 509-4065. A check for the requisite fee is enclosed. However, if the check is omitted or insufficient, please charge any additional fees, or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 03-3975, Order No. 015185-0272568.

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